

## How to Get Help to Pay Medical Expenses

There are new programs that may help you pay part of your medical expenses. If you qualify, you may not have to pay your Medicare premiums or out of pocket expenses.

### How Do I Know If I Qualify?

1. You must have Medicare Hospital Insurance (Part A). If you're not sure whether you have it, look on your Medicare card or call Social Security toll free, at 1-800-772-1213 to find out.

**AND**

2. Your income is below certain limits. (Look at the table to the right to see if you might be able to qualify.)

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3. Your financial resources, or the things you own are below \$4,000 for an individual and \$6,000 for a couple. Financial resources are things like bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. Some things are not counted like the home you live in, one car, burial plots, furniture, and some life insurance.

## How Do I Apply?

If you think you qualify, you should do the following.

1. Call your nearest medical assistance office and ask about programs that help pay for your Medicare premiums and other costs.
2. Ask for an application.
3. Ask them what papers you will need.
4. Ask if you can apply by mail or if you have to apply in person.

5. Complete and return the application with the papers needed.

### How Can I Get More Information?

1. Call your nearest medical assistance office. You can find the number in the phone book under Medicaid, Social Services, Medical Assistance, Human Services, or Community Service.  
– or –
2. Call **1-800-633-4227**. Someone there can help you find the right office in your State. For deaf or hearing impaired who use a TTY/TDD call 1-877-486-2048.

### Programs That Help Pay Medical Expenses

(Choose your monthly income limit. Read the chart from left to right. (→))

Your Monthly Income Limits in 2000*	Program Will Pay	Program Name
→ \$716 Individual or \$958 Couple	→ Medicare Part A and B premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance	→ Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
\$855 Individual or \$1,145 Couple	Medicare Part B premiums	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
\$960 Individual or \$1,286 Couple	Medicare Part B premiums	Qualifying Individual (QI-1)
\$1,238 Individual or \$1,661 Couple	A small part of your Medicare Part B premiums	Qualifying Individual (QI-2)

\* If you live in Alaska or Hawaii income limits are slightly higher. Income limits will increase slightly in 2001.

## What Papers Do I Need To Bring?

The state or local office will need to be sure you qualify for these programs. Each state has different rules, so it is best to **call them first** to find out what information to bring. Some of the information you will need is listed below. If you don't have this information now, you can get it later.

- ☐ Your Medicare card
- ☐ Proof of identity
- ☐ Proof of residence
- ☐ Proof of all income. This includes pension checks, social security payments, etc.
- ☐ Recent bank statements
- ☐ Property deeds
- ☐ Insurance Policies
- ☐ Financial statements from any stocks or bonds you own
- ☐ Proof of any funeral or burial policies you may have

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